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BROAD BAND SERVICES AT TEHSIL HEADQUARTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether broad band services are made available at district headquarters only;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to make available this service at Tehsil headquarters throughout the country; and
- (c) if so, the time by which this service is likely to be made available at Tehsil headquarters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and other Authorised Telecom Service Providers are providing Broadband services in major cities in the country. BSNL has planned to extend Broadband services to all District Headquarters during 2006-07.

(b) & (c) : Government has announced Broadband Policy 2004 which visualizes accelerated growth of Broadband services in the country envisaging 3 million and 20 million Broadband subscribers by 2005 and 2010 respectively. Broadband services can be provided by Authorized Service Providers after meeting the licensing and regulatory requirements. Specific timeframe for roll out of broadband services at Tehsil Headquarters by different service providers may not be easily defined as the same depends upon their rollout plans based on technical, commercial and other aspects.